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COURT TO OFFER DISCOUNT ON OLD UNPAID TRAFFIC TICKETS

RIVERSIDE COUNTY: The Riverside Superior Court, along with all other trial courts in the State of California, will offer an "amnesty" period on unpaid tickets from January 1, 2012 through June 30, 2012. This means that if a person meets certain criteria on their unpaid ticket, he/she may be able to resolve it by paying 50% of the amount due.

The following criteria must be met to qualify:

- The ticket is for an infraction filed with the court that was due to be paid in full prior to January 1, 2009. This includes juvenile traffic matters as well;
- No appearance or payment has been made on the case since January 1, 2009;
- The person who received the ticket does not owe any victim restitution within Riverside County; and
- The person who received the ticket does not have any outstanding misdemeanor or felony warrants within Riverside County.

Some counties throughout the State of California are offering this discount for select misdemeanor cases, however only infraction cases (low level tickets) will qualify in Riverside County.

Presiding Judge Sherrill A. Ellsworth remarked, "This is a wonderful opportunity for the citizens of this county to resolve their delinquent traffic matters at a discounted rate. This program will allow the public to clear up their court and driving records, while providing much needed revenue to the state and county. I hope people will take advantage of this mutually beneficial offer."

For further information, please review the court's <u>Infraction Amnesty Program Guidelines</u> by visiting our website at <u>www.riverside.courts.ca.gov</u>. You may also <u>view a two-minute video</u> on this program. Additional information about specific case eligibility will be available after January 1, 2012. Details on the statewide Amnesty Program may be found at the California Court's website at http://www.courts.ca.gov/partners/941.htm.